

HUNTING-TRAPPING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH AND GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 01-08-16

Issued at Douglas, Alaska
September 26, 2016

Effective Date: September 30, 2016

Expiration Date: 30 June 2017
(unless superseded by a subsequent
emergency order)

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the state of Alaska resident and nonresident mountain goat hunting season for that portion of Unit 1C between Eagle Glacier and Sawmill Creek. This order takes effect at 11:59 pm, Friday, September 30, 2016.

REGULATORY TEXT:

Therefore, the provisions of 5 AAC 85.040, HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR GOAT, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting mountain goats in Unit 1(C):

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
(1) ...		
Unit 1(C), that portion draining into Lynn Canal and Stephens Passage Between Eagle River and Eagle Glacier and Sawmill Creek	No open season (General hunt only)	No open season
1 goat by registration permit only, the taking of nannies with kids is prohibited		
The remainder of Unit 1(C) mountain goat seasons, other than those previously closed by emergency order, are not affected by this emergency order.		

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to: _



Stephanie Sell
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

An aerial survey conducted on September 11, 2016 in the area between Eagle Glacier and Sawmill Creek resulted in low goat counts; a total of 38 goats (12% kids) were observed. Surveys in the same area in 2015 resulted in 64 goats (42% kids), and 49 goats (31% kids) in 2014. Goat numbers began declining in the area after the severe winter of 2006/2007 and the population has been slow to recover although the recent mild winters should help. While goats are not isolated in these areas, historical survey data and recent GPS radio collar information suggests little movement between drainages. Because goats demonstrate high site fidelity, areas with low densities may require longer periods to recover if additional harvest were allowed prematurely. Based on the few goats observed in this area in addition to the aforementioned reasons, area managers consider it necessary to close the season in this area to prevent any harvest of mountain goats.

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